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Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, the Levin-Bond amendment language which is in this bill requires the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations increasing fuel efficiency standards. Our amendment changes nothing in the Levin-Bond amendment.

Our amendment says that in establishing those fuel efficiency standards, we direct the Secretary of Transportation to also consider reducing oil consumption through alternative fuels--ethanol, biodiesel, and energy from coal waste.